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MEETING, COPENHAGEN, APRIL 25-26, 1978: INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

1. LAST NIGHT IN PROVIDING US WITH THE READOUT OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING HERE, DANISH EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF, JORGEN BOJER,
BEGAN HIS DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS BY REPEATING THE APPRECIATION OF
THE DANISH PRESIDENCY FOR THE ABUNDANT AND HIGH QUALITY INFOR-
MATION RECEIVED FROM US SOURCES.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONCLUDED THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION
ALMOST EVERY MOVE BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED IS DETERMINED
BY THE EFFECT EACH BELIEVES IT WILL HAVE ON THE LIFTING OF THE US
ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS THAT THE NINE
THEMSELVES CAN DO LITTLE NOW. THEY DID, HOWEVER, DECIDE TO FOCUS
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THEIR EFFORTS ON UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN ORDER TO
ENCOURAGE HIM NOT TO REGARD THE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUSAL OF THE
TURKISH PROPOSALS AS DEFINITIVE. THE NINE WILL TRY TO ENCOURAGE
WALDHEIM TO CALL FOR A CONVOCAION OF TALKS AMONG THE PARTIES IF,
RPT IF, HE BELIEVES THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE IN ANY WAY
VIABLE.

3. THE PROBLEM THE NINE SHARE WITH THE US AND OTHERS IS THAT THE EXACT SUBSTANCE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE NOT KNOWN. CONSEQUENTLY, THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GO TO WALDHEIM AND SHOW HIM A DOCUMENT WHICH THE NINE HAVE RECEIVED (WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE GERMANS) WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE TURKISH OFFER. WALDHEIM WILL BE ASKED FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS OF RESUMING TALKS AND IF AND HOW THE NINE CAN HELP.

4. IF WALDHEIM IS POSITIVE, THE NINE'S MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP WOULD BE COMMISSIONED TO WORK OUT APPROACHES BY THE NINE TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED; THE GROUPS PROPOSALS WOULD BE PUT IMMEDIATELY ON THE COREU NETWORK AND AN EARLY CONSENSUS WOULD BE ATTEMPTED.

5. BOJER REMARKED THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS THAT THE TURKS BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO GET THE US ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED FOR THEM SIMPLY TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WITHOUT THOUGHT OF ITS "REASONABLENESS". THE TURKS HAVE NOW REALIZED THAT THE MERE GESTURE WAS NOT ENOUGH AND, ACCORDING TO DANISH SOURCES IN ANKARA, ARE CONSIDERING STRENGTHENING THEIR PROPOSAL BY INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP VAROSHA IF NECESSARY.

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